



FORT LYTTON MOTOCROSS CLUB

...the last of its kind in Brisbane

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Federal Member

Kerry Rea MP

Dear Kerry Rae,

This Letter is in regards to the conversation with Ken Herson concerning the Fort Lytton Motocross Club lease to occupy expiring at the end of the year.

Fort Lytton Motocross Club (FLMC) is the one and only purpose-designed motocross facility remaining in Brisbane. It has been located at Fort Lytton for 20 almost years.

The Club, which provides facilities for local and international riders, coaching and training for all rider age groups, State government Corrective Services venue and boasts a loyal membership base with a strong regular patronage of up to 150 riders a week. (Note-membership is not compulsory to ride at the venue. Members receive a discount for their daily ride fee).

The Club enjoys a harmonious relationship with the local community including close ties to key community groups such as the Bulimba Creek Catchment Group. Due to its remote location and sound management practices, the FLMC has had a unblemished track record regarding noise, traffic, dust, contamination and safety.

Motocross is growing in popularity at a remarkable rate. It is a spectacular sport visually, this is why it has generated a tremendous participation count and interest over the last 10 years and in Brisbane bike sales and stores are opening on the increase. But it is a sport that requires specialist riding facilities.

FLMC lease with the Port of Brisbane is due to be severed at the end of 2008. The Club's original lease was a one year permit that has been extended on an annual basis since 1989. However, recreational riding and driving has been on this parcel of land since the Brisbane river was dredged and the river bed silt was stored on the banks. It was then called Cooney Flats.

The Port of Brisbane has decided not to extend the lease for the reclaimed land past the end of the year, therefore leaving the FLMC with no premises.

With the prospect of losing their premises, FLMC has conducted extensive liaison with the Port of Brisbane Mr Mark Willey, Brisbane City Council, local BCC and State Government members- Cr Peter Cumming and Minister Paul Lucas. The result of the Club's communication campaign to date have been disappointing with no lease extension provided nor an alternative site provided.

FLMC has also made several attempts to secure another suitable site with little success due to the renaming of land in south east Queensland.

Our team is always open to consultation and compromise. We are willing to find away and I'm sure the rest of the community will be grateful if you can lead the way. If you feel it would be beneficial for our team to meet with you before making any announcements, we would be available for consultation.

Jody Herson
Secretary/Club Head Coach
Fort Lytton motocross club